

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 23, 2007.

Claims 1-4, 7-9, 11-13, 15-18, 21-23, 25-27, 29-33, 36-38, 40-42, 44 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hearst (U.S. Patent 6,223,145).

Claims 5, 19 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hearst, in view of Robertson (U.S. Patent 5,295,243).

Claims 6, 14, 20, 28, 35 and 43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hearst, in view of Anuff (U.S. Patent 6,327,628).

The independent claims have been amended to include the feature that “wherein the at least one lifecycle includes an event stage where at least one control of the control tree raise events to communicate with another control of the control tree; wherein the event stage occurs before a render lifecycle stage wherein in the render stage, the controls of the control tree create their own GUI representation”. This feature is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art.

For this reason, the independent claims are believed to be allowable. The dependent claims are believed to be allowable because they are dependent on the independent claims and because of the additional limitations of these claims.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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